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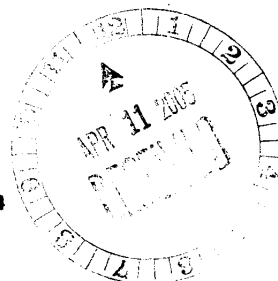
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April 4, 2005

Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K St. NW
Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Re. AB33 (Sub No. 153X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

We have been unable to complete negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad to obtain the soon to be abandoned railroad right-of-way within the time granted to us by the Surface Transportation Board. We have made an offer to purchase this right-of-way for conversion to a trail during an interim period that might lead to reactivation of rail service. We have not received a formal reply to this offer and are awaiting advice from the Railroad as to their intentions in the matter.

The time in which to complete these negotiations, as granted by the STB, is elapsing (April 10) and we are therefore requesting another period of 180 days in which we trust we will be able to complete these negotiations.

We are initially sending this request via FAX and following with ten copies in the U S Mail. We are also sending copies of this request to the Union Pacific Railroad offices in both Chicago and Omaha. We believe that the Railroad will agree to an extension of time in which to complete these negotiations.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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